

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

- Sub B4
- 1 --13. A data processing system for processing a data
2 object, said data processing system comprising:
3 querying means for querying for a meta definition of
4 a data object; and
5 process means for processing the data object
6 according to attributes in the meta definition for the
7 data object.
- 1 14. The data processing system according to claim 13
2 further comprising determination means for determining an
3 object type of a data object before querying a Meta Data
4 Service for a meta definition of a data object.
- 1 15. The data processing system according to claim 13
2 further comprising receipt means for receiving the meta
3 definition for the data object prior to processing the
4 data object.
- Sub B5
- 1 16. A data processing system for processing a data
2 object, said data processing system comprising:
3 receipt means for receiving a query for a meta
4 definition of a data object; and
5 sender means for sending a meta definition of a data
6 object in response to the query for the meta definition.
- 1 17. A data processing system according to claim 16
2 further comprising storage means for storing at least one
3 meta definition of a data object.

1 18. A data processing system according to claim 16
2 further comprising at least one object attribute in the
3 meta definition of the data object.

sub B6
1 19. A computer program product for use with a data
2 processing system for processing a data object, said
3 computer program product comprising:
4 a computer usable medium;
5 first instructions for sending a query for a meta
6 definition of a data object; and
7 second instructions for processing the data object
8 according to attributes in the meta definition for the
9 data object.

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1 20. The computer program product according to claim 19
2 further comprising instructions for determining an object
3 type of a data object before querying a Meta Data Service
4 for a meta definition of a data object.

1 21. The computer program product according to claim 19
2 further comprising instructions for receiving the meta
3 definition for the data object prior to processing the
4 data object.

sub B7
1 22. A computer program product for use with a data
2 processing system for processing a data object, said
3 computer program product comprising:
4 a computer usable medium;
5 first instructions for receiving a query for a meta
6 definition of a data object; and

7 second instructions for sending a meta definition of
8 a data object in response to the query for the meta
9 definition.

1 23. A computer program product according to claim 22
2 further comprising instructions for storing at least one
3 meta definition of a data object.

1 24. A computer program product according to claim 22
2 further comprising at least one object attribute in the
3 meta definition of the data object.--